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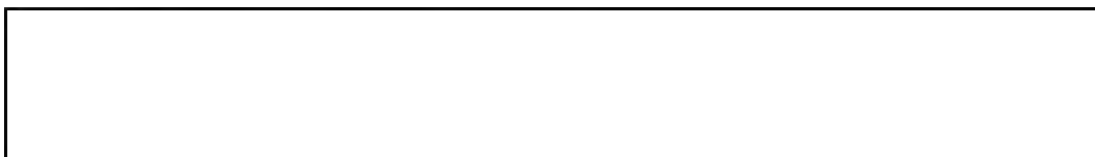
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EGYPT: The protracted no-war, no-peace situation with no prospect for a settlement has produced [redacted] disaffection with President Sadat and [redacted] government reprisals.

[redacted] Army officers have become openly critical of Egypt's military situation, [redacted] [redacted] During the past two months negativism and cynicism reportedly have surfaced, and some officers are said to have expressed their unwillingness to fight Israel. [redacted]

[redacted] a number of senior army officers were executed in June because of their connections with associates of former vice-president Zakariya Muhyeddin, who circulated memoranda critical of President Sadat's policies.

Press reports from Beirut say there is dissatisfaction in the Egyptian Air Force; these reports cite a recent incident in which two pilots disobeyed orders not to interfere with Israeli violations of Egyptian airspace. The Paris newspaper France-Soir has claimed that three senior Egyptian Foreign Ministry officials have been arrested on charges of plotting to overthrow Sadat.

The government announced yesterday that a number of cases of espionage will soon be revealed, but it generally has countered reports of unrest by portraying them as Israeli psychological warfare. Egyptian newspapers of 12 July carried a charge by the chief of general intelligence that domestic dissidence is being fanned by US and Israeli intelligence.

[redacted] There is certainly domestic unrest caused in large part by the lack of movement in solving the problem of Israeli occupation of Arab lands. This is the first summer in some time that the Egyptians have had neither active hostilities nor peace-seeking discussions to offer some prospect for change. All this may well be generating [redacted] reactions of unrest [redacted] At the same time, however, the realization by those who oppose Sadat of the intractability of the problem may help inhibit them from taking any action to depose him. [redacted]

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